

Mr. U Kandar Menon.—(a) Messrs. (1) M. Krishna Menon, (2) I. Raman Menon and (3) R. A. Gayatrinatha Ayyar.

(b) A copy of the report is placed on the Council Table.

(c) The Committee's report has only just been received.

Journals published in and outside the State.

423. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the names of journals published from the State, and the dates and places of their publication ;

(b) for how many copies of each of them the Government are subscribing and the total number of copies of each of them the Government are receiving ;

(c) the names of the newspapers and journals published from outside the State and which the Government are getting and for how many copies of each of them the Government are subscribing ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) Vide list appended. (*Appendix V.*)

(b) Government are not subscribing for any of them ; but they are receiving two copies of each under the Press Regulation.

(c) Vide list appended. (*Appendix VI.*)

Sale of timber in the Kalavarakunnu.

424. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the growth standing in Kalavarakunnu in Palappilli was sold to one Mr. N. K. Dharmaraja Ayyar by private negotiation and why public auction was not made in this matter ;

(2) what was the estimate of the forest growth there and what was the amount realised ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(1) Yes. Please also see the answer to question No. 201 of the Legislative Session of Vrischigam 1104.

(2) In the conditions of the working adopted no estimate could be made. The amount realised up to 18th March 1929 is Rs. 382-7-0.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know what are the special conditions of the working of this? No estimate is made.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—In this case the whole forest growth is not to be removed. Only selected growth is to be

removed. So no estimate of the forest growth could be made beforehand.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Was the growth to be removed first selected?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Then cannot that be estimated?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—No. The value of the forest growth could be estimated only as the work goes on.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—When the growth is selected, could not an estimate be made as to the value of the forest growth?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—No; even now it is not made.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will it not be possible to estimate the value of the forest growth when the selection is made?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—No.

Ranger, Mr. C. Govinda Menon.

425. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state why Ranger, Mr. C. Govinda Menon, is posted in Chalakkudi alone;

(2) does any one checkmeasure the logs, etc., measured by this Ranger from the plantation;

(3) (a) what is the maximum quantity of timber that a Ranger can measure according to the *Forest Code*;

(b) from the date of creation of this Plantation Ranger's post, how many thousands of candies of timber have been measured every year by him and what value was realised on his measurement;

(4) has the Conservator of Forests or the Divisional Forest Officer ever checkmeasured at least a portion of the logs so measured by the Ranger;

(b) if so, the dates of such measurements together with extracts from their respective diaries may be placed on the Table of the House;

(c) if none has been done, why this deviation from the Code Rules and has sanction of the Government been obtained; if so, a copy of the report of the Conservator of Forests and the Government order may be placed on the Table?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(1) Because he is the Plantation Ranger attached to the Conservator's Office.

(2) Yes.

(3) (a) No limit is fixed.

(b) In 1902. Candies 399—22—23—8½. No value was realised as it was given free in exchange for growing a Teak